Annual Report

of the

TOWN of GRANTHAM

NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year Ending

December 31, 1953

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
Glenn H. Hudson

Town Clerk
Joshua H. Dunbar

Selectmen
Wilfred M. Hastings
Edward W. Hutchins
Everett R. Reney

Town Treasurer
Doris C. Reney

Tax Collector
Elwin J. Kimball

Overseer of the Poor
Merton Z. Pillsbury

Road Agent
Allen W. Walker—Claude L. Moulton

Trustees of Library
Dorothy H. Pillsbury
Amah R. Howard
Olive S. Howard

Librarian
Bernice M. Howe

Trustees of Trust Funds
Henry A. Howard
Wilfred M. Hastings

Supervisors of the Check List
Percy E. Bond
Leslie F. Small

Auditors

Bernice M. Howe

Alberta A. Hastings

Health Officer

Percy E. Bond

Police Officer

Thomas Brown

Fire Warden

Merton Z. Pillsbury

Deputy Fire Wardens

Edward W. Hutchins

Alfred Cote

Allen W. Walker

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

L. S.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grantham, in the County of Sullivan, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Grantham on Tuesday, the 9th day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

Art. 1. To choose by ballot and major vote one Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Police Officer, one Overseer of the Poor, and two Auditors for the ensuing year; one Selectman, one Trustee of Trust Funds, and one Trustee of the Public Library for the ensuing three years.

Art. 2. To choose one or more Highway Agents and all other necessary town officers, agents and committees, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Art. 3. To raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to defray town charges.

Art. 4. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the poor and Old Age Assistance.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to apply for Town Road Aid, and raise $..... for same.

Art. 6. To raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary for snow bill.

Art. 7. To raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to repair highways and bridges.

Art. 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for the hiring of a bulldozer to clear out ditches and waterways on the town roads.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding one one-hundredth of one per cent (1/100 of 1%) of the assessed valuation based on the assessment of 1954 for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the town, together with other towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of cemeteries.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to raise $400.00 for control of White Pine Blister Rust in cooperation with the State Forestry Department.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise towards the purchase of a new truck.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to have an Old Home Day, and take any action thereon.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money, if any, the town wants to raise for the fire department.

Art. 16. To see if the town will allow the Selectmen to sell the present Fire pump and purchase one or two small pumps, if they have a good opportunity.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to sell any property acquired by tax title, if they should deem it advisable.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintenance of the town dump.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the town the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old

Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate a sum to defray the town's share of the cost thereof.

Art. 20. If the foregoing article is adopted, to see if the town will authorize the selectmen to execute on behalf of the town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan, and to see if the town will designate the Town Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to hire money if necessary.

Art. 22. To hear the reports of the officers, agents and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Art. 23. Shall the provisions of Chapter 171–A of the Revised Laws relative to playing games of beano be adopted in this town?

Art. 24. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 22nd day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

WILFRED M. HASTINGS,
EDWARD W. HUTCHINS,
EVERETT R. RENEY,
Selectmen of Grantham.

A true copy of warrant. Attest:

WILFRED M. HASTINGS,
EDWARD W. HUTCHINS,
EVERETT R. RENEY,
Selectmen of Grantham.

Budget of the Town of

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the En-
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Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
From State:			
Interest and dividends tax	$ 6.53	$ 35.07	$ 35.07
Savings bank tax	52.51	48.91	48 91
Reimbursement ac. exemption of growing wood and timber	1,000.00	751.03	750.00
For fighting forest fires	50.00	21,408.06	1,200.00
Reimbursement ac. Old Age Assistance		13.84	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog licenses	160.00	184.50	160.00
Rent of town hall, other buildings and property		5.00	
Interest received on taxes and deposits		126.13	
Income of Departments:			
Highway, including rental of equipment		18.90	
Motor vehicle permit fees	800.00	945.54	800.00
Sale of town property		87.00	
Refund, A. Walker		18.50	
Flood damage		638.40	
Refund Head tax		5.00	
Yield tax		559.69	500.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll taxes—Regular at $2	200.00	276.00	200.00
Total revenues from all sources except property taxes	$ 2,269.04	$ 25,121.57	$ 3,693.98

Grantham, N. H.

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PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1953	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1954
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries	$ 2,000.00	$ 665.10	$ 2,200.00
Town officers' expenses		647.46	
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department		111.40	50.00
Fire department		24,267.46	50.00
Moth extermination-Blister Rust			400.00
Health:			
Town dump	100.00	59.40	100.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town maintenance, summer	1,500.00	2,057.63	1,500.00
winter	1,000.00	481.32	1,000.00
Street lighting and town buildings		489.07	500.00
Town road aid	239.65	239.65	239.65
Library		85.00	85.00
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	1,000.00	316.16	1,200.00
Old Age Assistance		218.65	
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day		8.40	
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	100.00	44.35	100.00
Unclassified:			
Damages and legal epenses		5.00	
Taxes bought by town		359.80	200.00
Refunds		201.58	

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PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1953	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1954
(Continued from preceding page)			
Interest:			
On temporary loans		93.75	65.00
Indebtedness:			
Payment on principal of debt, Payment to Capital Reserve fund	400.00	400.00	800.00
Payments to other governmental divisions:			
County taxes	5,023.05	7,328.85	5,251.05
School taxes	1,226.96	1,226.96	1,226.96
Total expenditures	$12,589.66	$39,306.99	$14,067.66

To Clarify the Item "Town Charges"

Expenses	Actual 1953	Est. 1954
Town officers' salaries	$ 665.10	$ 680.00
Town officers' expenses	647.46	560.00
Police department	111.40	
Fire department	32.80	50.00
Street and building lights	489.07	500.00
Library	85.00	85.00
Memorial Day expenses	8.40	10.00
Legal expenses	5.00	50.00
Taxes bought by town	359.80	200.00
Refunds	1.58	
Interest on loans	93.75	65.00
	$2,499.36	$2,200.00
Appropriation for 1953	$2,000.00	

INVENTORY

of Valuation for the Tax Year, 1953

DESCRIPTION	VALUATION
Lands and buildings (exclusive of growing wood and timber)	$220,539.00
Electric plants	17,365.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	800.00
Horses, 30	2,185.00
Neat stock, 25	2,825.00
Cows, 81	9,900.00
Sheep and goats, 56	810.00
Fowls, 700	525.00
Stock in trade	12,750.00
Mills and machinery	9,460.00
Total gross valuation before exemptions allowed	$277,159.00
Less soldiers' exemptions	18,410.00
Net valuation on which tax rate is computed	$258,749.00

APPROPRIATIONS

and Taxes Assessed, 1953

Town charges		$ 2,000.00
Fire department		1,554.50
Town dump		100.00
Town Road Aid		239.65
Town road maintenance		2,500.00
Old Age Assistance and town poor		1,000.00
Cemeteries		100.00
County tax		1,226.96
School tax		5,023.05
Capital Reserve fund		400.00
Total town and school appropriations		$14,144.16
Less estimated revenues and credits:		
Savings bank tax	52.51	
Reimbursement a/c exemption of growing wood and timber	1,334.05	
Motor vehicle permit fees	868.88	
Dog licenses	162.00	
Total revenues and credits		2,417.44
		$11,726.72
Plus overlay		561.23
Net amount to be raised by taxation		$12,287.95
Less 141 poll taxes @ $2		282.00
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured		$12,005.95

Tax rate per $100 valuation: $4.64

Financial Report

for the

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

January 15, 1954.

WILFRED M. HASTINGS,
EDWARD W. HUTCHINS,
EVERETT R. RENEY,
Selectmen.

DORIS C. RENEY, Treasurer.

Town of Grantham		Balance

ASSETS

Cash		
In hands of treasurer		$ 3,705.02
Capital Reserve Fund		
Truck		800.00
Accounts Due to the Town		
Due from State:		
Bounties	143.50	
Forest fire	1,277.10	
		1,420.60
Unredeemed Taxes		
Levy of 1952	358.80	
Levy of 1951	450.28	
Previous years	170.81	
		979.89
Uncollected Taxes		
Levy of 1953	3,157.39	
State Head taxes—Levy 1953	220.00	
		3,377.39
Total assets		$10,282.90
This grand total		$10,282.90
Surplus, December 31, 1952		$ 3,182.87
Surplus, December 31, 1953		$ 3,986.85
Increase of surplus		$ 803.98

Sheet December 31, 1953

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town

Due to State:	
State Head taxes—1953	
Uncollected, $220; collected, not remitted to State Treas., $25	$ 245.00
Due to School District:	
Balance of appropriation; 1953-1954	5,023.05
1952-1953	228.00
Capital Reserve Fund	
For new truck	800.00
Total liabilities	$ 6,296.05
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	3,986.85
Should equal this grand total	$10,282.90

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue

From local taxes: (collected and remitted to treasurer)		
Property taxes, current year, 1953	$9,041.10	
Poll taxes, current year, regular @ $2, 1953	180.00	
Yield taxes, 1953	500.21	
State Head taxes @ $5, 1953	610.00	
Total current year's taxes collected and remitted		10,331.31
Property taxes and Yield taxes, previous years		3,370.42
Poll taxes, previous years, regular @ $2		96.00
State Head taxes @ $5, previous years		190.00
Interest received on taxes		126.13
Penalties on State Head taxes		23.00
From State:		
For highways and bridges:		
For town road aid—flood damage		638.40
Interest and dividend tax		35.07
Savings bank tax		48.91
Reimbursement a/c exemption of growing wood and timber		751.03
Fighting forest fires		21,408.06
Bounties		30.50
Reimbursement a/c old age assistance		13.84
Total of above current revenue receipts		$37,062.67

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Payments for the Year Ended December 31, 1953

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses

General Government:		
Town officers' salaries		$ 665.10
Town officers' expenses		647.46
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police department		111.40
Fire department, including forest fires		24,267.46
Bounties		143.50
Health:		
Town dump		59.40
Highways and Bridges:		
Town road aid		239.65
Town maintenance, summer	2,057.63	
winter	481.32	
		2,538.95
Street lighting		489.07
Libraries:		
Library		85.00
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance		218.65
Town poor		316.16
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day, flags		8.40
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries		44.35
Unclassified:		
Damages and legal expenses		5.00
Taxes bought by town		359.80
Refund		201.58
Total current maintenance expenses		$30,400.93

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RECEIPTS

(Brought forward from page 14)	$37,062.67	
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog licenses	184.50	
Rent of town property	18.90	
Registration of motor vehicles, 1952 permits	9.34	
Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 permits	936.20	
Total current revenue receipts		$38,211.61
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	7,000.00	
Refund, Allen Walker, overpayment	18.50	
Sale of town property	87.00	
Refund on Head tax from State	5.00	
Timber tax deposit from E. Nichols	200.00	
M. Downey, use of town dump	5.00	
Taxes bought by town	359.80	
Adjustment	.04	
Total receipts other than current revenue		$ 7,675.34
Total receipts from all sources		$45,886.95
Cash on hand January 1, 1953		5,690.47
This grand total		$51,577.42

Payments for the Year Ended December 31, 1953

PAYMENTS

(Brought forward from page 15)		$30.400.93
Interest		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes		93.75
Outlay for New Equipment		
Truck fund		400.00
Indebtedness		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes		7,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		
State Head taxes paid to State treasurer,		
1953 taxes	523.88	
Prior years	898.03	
		1,421.91
Taxes paid to County		1,226.96
Payments to School District, 1952 tax		7,328.85
Total payments for all purposes		$47,872.40
Cash on hand December 31, 1953		3,705.02
Should equal this grand total		$51,577.42

Schedule of Town Property

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
Town hall, lands and buildings	$ 2,000.00
Furniture and equipment	200.00
Library, land and building	3,000.00
Furniture and equipment	500.00
Fire department, equipment	600.00
Highway department, lands and buildings	300.00
Equipment	400.00
Schools, lands and buildings	2,000.00
Equipment	500.00
Water power	200.00
Hibbard Veno land	400.00
L. A. B. Smith land	400.00
Vett Davis land	300.00
Part of Green estate	700.00
Two lots lease land	700.00
Total	$12,200.00

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Officers' Salaries

Wilfred M. Hastings, 1st selectman	$ 70.00	
Edward W. Hutchins, 2nd selectman	60.00	
Everett R. Reney, 3rd selectman	50.00	
Doris Reney, treasurer	50.00	
Doris Reney, 1952 auditor	10.00	
Ella Reney, 1952 auditor	10.00	
Elwin Kimball, tax collector	189.60	
Merton Pillsbury, overseer of poor	50.00	
Joshua Dunbar, town clerk, salary, fees	145.50	
Percy Bond, 1952 supervisor	22.50	
Percy Bond, 1952 health officer	7.50	
		$ 665.10

Town Officers' Expenses

Wilfred Hastings,—		
Trip to Lebanon, Tax Commission meeting	$ 5.00	
2½ days on court case	20.00	
4 trips to Newport on court case	6.00	
Day with State Tax Com.	10.00	
Phone: 4 calls to Concord 2 calls to Claremont 2 calls to Plainfield	2.80	
4½ days running town lines	44.00	
Stamps, stationery for selectmen's room	5.00	92.80
Edward Hutchins, postage, phone, running town lines, court case etc.		84.56
Everett Reney, running town lines, tax meetings		50.00

The Howe Press, town reports, stationery etc.	216.65	
Association of N. H. Tax Collectors	3.00	
John McCrillis, bonds for town officers	31.00	
Joey Dunbar, typing	1.00	
Glenn Hudson, court case, postage, phone	20.94	
Tony Russell, registering deeds etc.	15.92	
Eva Hudson, postage etc.	6.71	
Edson Eastman Co., supplies	9.35	
Mildred Dunbar, janitor	1.50	
Kimballs, Inc., stamp	3.25	
Association of N. H. Assessors	3.00	
Mary Thornton, keeping transient	2.00	
Gauthier & Woodard, bond	8.00	
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	22.50	
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Association	15.00	
First National Bank, service charge	4.65	
Percy Bond, expenses	4.00	
Joshua Dunbar, expenses	2.50	
Doris Reney, stamps	.40	
Victor Tucker, repair of library shed	40.73	
Henry Howard, running town lines	8.00	
		* $ 647.46
Police Department		
Thomas Brown, salary and expenses		* $ 111.40
Library		
Bernice Howe, salary	$ 75.00	
Joshua Dunbar, mowing lawn and shoveling snow	10.00	
		* $ 85.00
Fire Department		
Merton Pillsbury	* $ 27.80	
Grantham Mt. fire expenses	24,239.66	
		$24,267.46

Town Dump		
Maurice Reney	$ 30.00	
Leston Horton	6.00	
Wilfred Hastings	23.40	
		$ 59.40
Town Road Maintenance		
Summer	$ 2,057.63	
Winter	481.32	
		$ 2,538.95
Street and Building Lights		
Public Service Co.		* $ 489.07
Public Welfare		
Old Age Assistance	$ 218.65	
Town Poor		
Elbridge Smith, Hanover Hospital	316.16	
		$ 534.81
Cemeteries		
Richard Howard	$ 28.00	
Elwin Kimball	16.35	
		$ 44.35
Memorial Day		
J. W. Johnson & Son, flags		* $ 8.40
Taxes bought by town		* $ 359.80
Bounties		$ 143.50
Truck fund		$ 400.00
Town road aid		$ 239.65
Interest on temporary loans		* $ 93.75
Temporary loan		$ 7,000.00
Payment to School District, balance of 1952-1953 appropriation		$ 7,328.85
Payment to County		$ 1,226.96

State Head taxes paid State Treasurer		$ 1,421.91
Legal expenses, W. Spanos		* $ 5.00
Timber tax deposit:		
Elwin Kimball, Yield taxes	125.74	
Ellen Nichols, refund, balance deposit	74.26	
		$ 200.00
Motor vehicle permit refund, W. Manning		* $ 1.58

* Items paid out of town charges appropriation

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Received 1952 permits	$ 9.34
1953 permits	938.42
Total	$ 947.76
Number permits issued, January 1, 1953 to January 1, 1954, 199	$ 947.76
Number dog licenses issued, 60	184.50
Total	$1,132.26
Paid treasurer	1,130.04
In my hands through error, to be turned over in 1954	$ 2.22

JOSHUA H. DUNBAR, Town Clerk.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1953

Dr.

Taxes committed to Collector:			
Property taxes	$12,005.94		
Poll taxes	276.00		
Total warrant		$12,281.94	
Yield taxes		583.02	
Added taxes:			
Property taxes		56.14	
Poll taxes		8.00	
Interest collected		2.33	
Total debits			$12,931.43

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property taxes	$9,041.10	
Poll taxes	180.00	
Yield taxes	500.21	
Interest collected	2.33	
Abatements	50.40	
Uncollected taxes as per Collector's List:		
Property taxes	2,974.58	
Poll taxes	100.00	
Yield taxes	82.81	
Total credits		$12,931.43

I hereby certify that the above lists are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ELWIN J. KIMBALL, Tax Collector.

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1952

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1953:			
Property taxes	$3,668.40		
Poll taxes	96.00		
Yield taxes	59.48		
		$3,823.88	
Interest collected during fiscal year ended December 31, 1953		121.07	
Interest collected by town		15.82	
Yield interest		2.31	
Total debits			$3,963.08

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer during fiscal year ended December 31, 1953:		
Property taxes	$3,310.94	
Bought by town	328.98	
Poll taxes	92.00	
Paid by town	4.00	
Interest collected	139.20	
Yield taxes	59.48	
Abatements made during year	28.48	
Uncollected taxes as per Collector's List:		
Poll taxes	0	
Property taxes	0	
Total credits		$3,963.08

Unredeemed Taxes, 1952	Int.	Costs	Reg. Fee
$46.90	$2.21	$3.65	$ .50
62.58	2.93	3.65	.50
30.15	1.10	3.65	.50
67.00	3.14	3.65	.50
60.97	2.84	3.65	.50
23.45	1.12	3.65	.50
1.68	.11	3.65	.50
50.25	2.37	3.65	.50

Property and Poll Taxes

Levy of 1951

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1953:		
Poll taxes	$10.00	
Interest collected during fiscal year	.42	
Total debits		$10.42

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer during fiscal year ended December 31, 1953:		
Poll taxes	$ 4.00	
Interest collected	.42	
Abated polls	6.00	
Uncollected 1951 taxes	0	
Total credits		$10.42

Levy of 1950

Dr.

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1953:		
Property taxes	$22.00	
Poll taxes	6.00	
Total debits		$28.00

Cr.

Abatements made during year	$28.00	
Uncollected taxes as per Collector's List:	0	
Total credits		$28.00

I hereby certify that the above lists are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ELWIN J. KIMBALL, Tax Collector.

Levy of 1949

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1954:		
Property taxes	$13.20	
Abated 1953, property taxes	13.20	
Uncollected 1949 taxes		.00

Levy of 1948

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1954:		
1 poll	$2.00	
Abated 1953, 1 poll	2.00	
Uncollected 1948 taxes		.00

Levy of 1946

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1954:		
1 poll	$2.00	
Abated 1953, 1 poll	2.00	
Uncollected 1946 taxes		.00

Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales on account of Levies of

1951	1950	1949
$ 51.83	$34.96	$32.76
83.26	54.03	49.06
47.94	$88.99	$81.82
57.13		
130.59		
64.19		
25.34		
$460.28		

I hereby certify that the foregoing lists are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ELWIN J. KIMBALL, Tax Collector.

State Head Tax

Levy of 1953

Dr.

State Head taxes committed to Collector:			
Original warrant	$815.00		
Added taxes	15.00		
Total commitment		$830.00	
Penalties collected		4.00	
Total debits			$834.00

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:			
Head taxes	$610.00		
Penalties	4.00	$614.00	
Uncollected Head taxes as per Collector's List		220.00	
Total credits			$834.00

Levy of 1952

Dr.

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1953		$205.00	
Added taxes during 1953		5.00	
Penalties collected during 1953		20.00	
Total debits			$230.00

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer during 1953:			
Head taxes	$200.00		
Penalties	20.00		
		$220.00	
Abatements during 1953		10.00	
Uncollected Head taxes as per Collector's List		.00	
Total credits			$230.00

I hereby certify that the above lists are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ELWIN J. KIMBALL, Tax Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1953 RECEIPTS

From Town Clerk:		
1952 auto permits	$ 9.34	
1953 auto permits	936.20	
1953 dog licenses	184.50	
		$ 1,130.04
From Tax Collector:		
1951 poll tax	4.00	
1951 interest	.42	
1952 Head taxes	190.00	
1952 penalties	19.00	
1952 property taxes	3,310.94	
1952 poll taxes	92.00	
1952 interest	123.38	
1952 timber Yield tax	59.48	
1953 Head taxes	610.00	
1953 penalties	4.00	
1953 property taxes	9,041.10	
1953 poll taxes	180.00	
1953 timber Yield taxes	500.21	
1953 interest	2.33	
Taxes bought by town	359.80	
		14,496.66
From State:		
Bounties	30.50	
Refund a/c old age assistance, G. Follansbee	13.84	
1951 Interest and Dividend tax	35.07	
Refund on Head tax	5.00	
Reimbursement flood damage	638.40	
Account Park forest fire	21,408.06	
Rent for town truck	18.90	
Timber Yield tax	751.03	
Savings bank tax	48.91	
		22,949.71

From Miscellaneous:		
Adjustment as per bank statement	.04	
Allen Walker, refund	18.50	
Ellen F. Nichols, advance deposit for timber tax	200.00	
First National Bank, 2 short term loans	7,000.00	
Mildred Downey, use of town dump	5.00	
Clyde Currier, 3 payments toward purchase of home	87.00	
		7,310.54
Total receipts		$45,886.95

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1953	$ 5,690.47	
Receipts ending Dec. 31, 1953	45,886.95	
Total	$51,577.42	
Payments Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 1953	47,872.40	
		$ 3,705.02

DORIS C. RENEY, Town Treasurer.

ROAD AGENTS' REPORT

ALLEN WALKER, Agent

SUMMER LABOR

Allen Walker	$ 321.00
Leston Horton	289.00
Keith Mayo	56.00
Elwin Kimball	44.00
Oscar Tobiason	43.00
Edward Hutchins	39.50
Wilfred Hastings	10.00
Kenneth Barton	7.00
Jack Pillsbury	3.00
Howard Pillsbury	2.00
Richard Howard	4.00
Russell Thornton	2.00
Willard Walker	18.00
Robert Osgood	16.00
	$ 854.50

SUPPLIES

Reney's Stone, gas and supplies	$ 91.20
Dartmouth Motors, Inc.	161.66
Hollis Heath, work with gas shovel	32.40
Stanley Ford Sales, one truck wheel	28.59
Reney Bros., plank and lumber for bridge	125.79
William St. Pierre, gas and oil	9.83
Henry Howard, iron and work	4.50
N. P. Clough, 100 bags cement @ $1.15	115.00
Joe Crowninshield, 32 yds. gravel @ 10¢	3.20
Blacktop, Inc., 3½ tons @ $6.50	22.75
Wilfred Hastings, plank	8.33
Supplies	$ 603.25
Labor	854.50
	$1,457.75

WINTER WORK—LABOR

Allen Walker	$ 137.00
Jack Pillsbury	123.00
John Holmes	4.50
Joshua Dunbar	4.95
Kenneth Barton	3.15
Russell Thornton	13.50
Walter Reney	1.80
	$ 287.90

SUPPLIES

Reney's Store, gas and oil	$ 48.65
Dartmouth Motors, Inc.	18.07
Silsby & Johnson, pipe	9.67
Henry Howard, labor	1.25
R. C. Hazelton Co., hose	8.14
Wilfred Hastings, work with tractor	6.00
Supplies	$ 91.78
Labor	287.90
	$ 379.68

Summer	$1,457.75
Winter	379.68
	$1,837.43
10 bags cement sold	11.50
	$1,825.93
Refund	18.50
	$1,844.43

CLAUDE MOULTON, Agent

SUMMER ROADS—LABOR

Claude Moulton	$ 97.00
Kenneth Barton	39.00
Arnold Moulton	28.00
Leston Horton	55.00
	$ 219.00

SUPPLIES

Dartmouth Motors	$ 30.01
Reney's General Store, gas and supplies	32.30
E. J. Kimball, gravel	5.20
Edward Hutchins, gravel	1.20
	$ 68.71

WINTER ROADS—LABOR

Claude Moulton	$ 24.00
Arnold Moulton	14.00
Joe Rupprecht	27.00
Eugene Moulton	7.00
Stanley Moulton	7.00
	$ 79.00

SUPPLIES

Reney's General Store, gas and oil	$ 5.64

Payments by Selectmen acting as temporary Road Agent

Montgomery Ward, supplies	$ 57.91
Gauthier & Woodard, insurance on truck	40.80
Claude Moulton, work on road	26.00
Leston Horton	24.00
Eugene Moulton	10.50
Dartmouth Motors, Inc.	13.50
Tom Currier	10.00
Reney Bros., lumber	108.96
State of N. H., use of grader	30.50
	$322.17

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Grantham on December 31, 1953

Invested in the Newport Savings Bank; 2½% first half of year, 3% last half

Date of Creation	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	Amt. of Principal	Income, All Expended
1907—1911	From sale of lease land, school fund	$623.00	$17.24
1900	Hannah Hayward Fund, for cemetery lot	400.00	11.08
1900	William Howe Fund, for cemetery lot	50.00	1.38
1911—1946	L. F. Shaw Fund, for cemetery lot	150.00	4.15
1913	Jonathan Brown Fund, for cemetery lot	150.00	4.15
1913	Hannah Stevens Fund, for cemetery lot	50.00	1.38
1920	Mercy Sanborn George Fund, for cemetery lot	100.00	2.77
1929	Reverdy Smith Fund, Wm. Smith cemetery lot	50.00	1.38
1933	Irene W. Hemphill Fund, for cemetery lot	100.00	2.77
1935	Estella Hitchcock Fund, for cemetery lot	100.00	2.77
1941	Louisa B. Bailey Fund, for Lucy A. Roach and Herbert J. Wiggins lots	75.00	2.07
1944	Alice M. Wilcox Fund, for Harrison Goss lot	100.00	2.77
1946	Emma Etta Sanborn Fund, for lots, E. Grantham cemetery		
1952	Mary Sanborn Bragg Fund " "	400.00	11.08
1915	Hiram Buswell Fund, for library	300.00	8.30
1948	Edith M. Miller Fund, for cemetery lot	100.00	2.77
1952	Town of Grantham, truck fund	400.00	
1953, Dec. 31	Town of Grantham, truck fund	400.00	

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. December 31, 1953. HENRY A. HOWARD, WILFRED HASTINGS, Trustees.

REPORT ON TRUST FUNDS

Received interest on all trust funds		$76.06
Paid:		
Amah Howard, library fund	$ 8.30	
Bernice Howe, school fund	17.24	
Elwin Kimball, Hayward cemetery fund	11.08	
Henry Howard, all trust funds for Pleasant Dale cemetery	39.44	
		$76.06

HENRY A. HOWARD,
Treasurer of Trustees.

AUDITORS' REPORT

This is to certify that we have audited the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Town Highway Agents, and other officers and find them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

BERNICE M. HOWE,
ALBERTA A. HASTINGS,
Auditors.

DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY

Librarian's Report

Town books loaned	294	
State books loaned	766	
Total circulation for the year		1,060
Number of books purchased		1
Number of books added as gifts		6
Received from fines		$2.96

BERNICE M. HOWE, Librarian.

Trustees' Report

Bank balance Jan. 1, 1953	$75.40	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1953	2.46	
Received from trust fund in 1953	8.30	
Collected from fines, 1953	2.96	
		$89.12
Payments:		
Book, "The Signal Net"	$ 2.75	
Bank service charge	.09	
Account book	.15	
		$ 2.99
Balance Jan. 1, 1954		$86.13

AMAH R. HOWARD,
OLIVE S. HOWARD,
Trustees.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Grantham School District

Officers of the District

Moderator
Glenn H. Hudson

Clerk
Bernice M. Howe

Treasurer
Bernice M. Howe

School Board
Estabell Holmes
(Term expires March, 1954)

Eleanor Raynor
(Term expires March, 1955)

Ramona B. Flewelling
(Term expires March, 1956)

Superintendent of Schools
Hammond A. Young

School Nurse
Florence De Palma, R. N.

Auditors
Doris C. Reney
Evelyn Reney

WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Grantham, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Grantham on Tuesday, March 9, 1954 at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Article 5. To choose Auditors for the ensuing year.

Article 6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 7. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate for school purposes, the sum of money as set forth in the budget, including the salaries of school officials, and payment of statutory requirements and other expenses and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from state aid and other income, the balance to be raised by taxation by the District.

Article 8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be set aside as a Capital Reserve Fund, as provided by Laws of 1943 Chapter 160 as amended, this sum to be held in reserve for future repairs or school house construction.

Article 9. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 17th day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

ELEANOR RAYNOR,
RAMONA FLEWELLING,
Grantham School Board.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 30, 1953

RECEIPTS

State Aid	$ 3,274.82
Town, current appropriation	10,328.85
Town, balance of previous appropriation	915.82
Town, sale of lumber	421.70
Trust fund	15.67
Other receipts	32.00
Balance on hand July 1, 1952	273.71
Total receipts	$15,262.57

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries of district officers	$ 80.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	167.20
Per capita tax	168.00
Expenses of administration	200.03
Teachers' salaries	6,000.00
Textbooks	209.24
Scholars' supplies	225.88
Other expenses of instruction	20.68
Salaries of janitors	350.00
Fuel	200.00
Water, lights and supplies	53.37
Repairs and replacements	305.44
Health	100.00
Transportation	100.00
Tuition	5,132.80
Retirement assessment	381.66
Insurance	56.84
New equipment	68.30
Total expense	$13,819.44
Cash on hand June 30, 1953	1,443.13
Total	$15,262.57

Detailed Statement of Expenditures
July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953

Salaries of District Officers		
Everett Reney	$ 3.75	
Pauline Hastings	11.25	
Eleanor Raynor	10.00	
Ramona Flewelling	20.00	
Bernice Howe	30.00	
Mavis Cote, auditor	2.50	
Doris Reney, auditor	2.50	$ 80.00
Superintendent's salary, local share		* 167.20
Fixed Charges		
Per capita tax		168.00
Expense of Administration		
Lebanon School District, Supervisory Union expense	116.66	
Eleanor Raynor, census	6.29	
Ramona Flewelling, census	3.71	
State of N. H., Supt's travel, local share	26.60	
Lebanon School District	11.24	
The Howe Press	2.60	
Ramona Flewelling	.60	
First National Bank, check book and service charge	11.98	
Brown & Saltmarsh	17.85	
Bernice Howe	.75	
Eleanor Raynor	1.75	200.03
Expense of Instruction		
Doris Farrington	2,000.00	
Mabel Pillsbury	2,000.00	
Ethel Loomis	1,992.00	
Estabell Holmes	8.00	6,000.00

*State share, $2,275; Lebanon, $3,715.80; Plainfield, $517.

Books		
Silver Burdett	20.80	
J. L. Hammett	2.52	
Houghton-Mifflin	40.77	
Mainco Trading Co.	2.92	
Ginn & Co.	11.19	
Laidlaw Bros.	4.46	
Scott, Foresman Co.	126.58	209.24
Scholars' Supplies		
The Howe Press	2.75	
Laidlaw Bros.	15.78	
Milton Bradley	69.36	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	98.17	
Silver Burdett	4.80	
J. L. Hammett	4.17	
Lebanon School District	30.85	225.88
Other Expense of Instruction		
J. L. Hammett	7.73	
Wanda Chapman	2.10	
The Howe Press	2.75	
Lebanon School District	8.10	20.68
Janitors' Salaries		
Ernest Pillsbury	100.00	
Eleanor Raynor	250.00	350.00
Fuel		
Mrs. George Sturgis		200.00
Water, Lights and Janitors' Supplies		
Reney's Store	8.05	
Eleanor Raynor	1.01	
Lebanon School District	4.56	
White River Paper Co.	13.85	
John Holmes	6.00	
Milton Bradley	12.00	
Hanover Hardware	7.90	53.37

Repairs and Replacements		
E. H. Plummer	12.60	
Raymond Daigle	4.25	
Lebanon School District	3.50	
Ernest Pillsbury	48.00	
Ramona Flewelling	2.99	
R. Ruggles	75.00	
Reney's Store	22.12	
Eleanor Raynor	35.00	
Victor Tucker	98.00	
Rowell Bros.	3.98	305.44
Health		
Lebanon School District, nurse		100.00
Transportation		
Ethel Loomis		100.00
Tuition		
Lebanon School District	3,732.80	
Newport School District	1,400.00	5,132.80
Retirement Assessment		
Teachers	361.73	
Secretary	8.61	
Superintendent	11.32	381.66
Insurance		
Gauthier & Woodard	5.00	
Raymond Haven	51.84	56.84
New Equipment		
St. Johnsbury Trucking, North Grantham	31.80	
Merrill Dube	20.00	
John Holmes	3.00	
Lebanon School District	13.50	68.30
Total expenditures		$13,819.44

TREASURER'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1953

Cash on hand July 1, 1952	$ 273.71
Receipts:	
Town	10,328.85
Town, (deficit appropriation)	400.00
Town, (balance due 1951-52)	515.82
Town, sale of lumber	421.70
State Aid	3,274.82
Trust fund	15.67
Refund	32.00
Total amount available	$15,262.57
Less School Board orders and bank charges	13,819.44
Cash on hand June 30, 1953	$ 1,443.13

BERNICE M. HOWE,
District Treasurer.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the Treasurer of the School District of Grantham, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, and find them correct in all respects.

July 11, 1953.

EVELYN A. RENEY,
DORIS C. RENEY,
Auditors.

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION

	1953-1954 Appropriation	1954-1955 Budget
Salaries dist. officers	$ 80.00	80.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	190.95	123.84
Per capita tax	180.00	180.00
Expen. administration	194.12	204.12*
Teachers' salaries	6,600.00	6,900.00
Textbooks	138.93	150.00
Scholars' supplies	200.00	200.00
Other exp. of instr.	15.00	15.00
Janitor service	350.00	500.00
Fuel	200.00	200.00
Janitor supplies	31.00	50.00
Minor repairs and expenses	250.00	250.00
Health supervision	100.00	100.00
Trans. of pupils	200.00	200.00
Retirement	425.00	500.00
Insurance, treas. bond		5.00
	$9,155.00	$9,657.96
High school tuition	5,360.00	4,775.00
Grand total	$14,515.00	$14,432.96

Estimated Income:

State Aid	$7,805.82	
Trust fund	15.00	
Balance	500.00	8,320.82
Local tax		$ 6,112.14

*Administration expense:

Supr. Union	$176.22
Census	10.00
Supplies	17.90
	$204.12

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Grantham:

The substantial increase in State Aid (from $3,274.82 in 1952-53 to $7,805.82 in 1953-54) plus a balance in the School District made possible a current local tax for schools of $5,023.05. This is less than one-half for 1953-4 than that which was raised locally for the previous year. It is expected that the exact amount of State Aid for Grantham for 1954-55 will be released by the State Board of Education before the District Meeting of March 9th.

New books have been purchased for reading, arithmetic and language. Up-to-date replacements are needed for spelling, geography, history and penmanship. These will be brought up to date as money is available for their purchase.

Parents and Citizens of Grantham may be asking themselves questions about changes needed in the school program and school buildings in the next years. These are questions that may need consideration soon if the best interests of the pupils and the District are to be served.

The pupils are to be commended for their good attendance and fine citizenship. Grantham pupils learn in their homes and local school the value of American Citizenship. Pupils, parents and teachers are to be commended for developing right attitudes.

The last legislature established the position of Helping Teacher for several Supervisory Unions, and this Union has been notified that the State will pay $2,500 toward the salary of such a person. A Helping Teacher will work with the teachers and the pupils referred to her by teachers, will give specialized tests and will

occasionally make home visits. She will work for the general advancement of sound education for boys and girls by cooperating with and helping pupils, parents, teachers, School Boards and Administrators.

My sincere thanks are extended to the School Board, the teachers, the Nurse and the people of Grantham for their cooperation and help during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMMOND YOUNG,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

1952-1953

Total number of inspections made	127
Total number weighed	45
Total number measured	45
Total number vision tests	71

Defects found:

Vision	4 – treated 2
Teeth	15
Tonsils	8

Communicable diseases: 6 whooping cough

FLORENCE DePALMA, R. N.
School Nurse.

ENROLLMENT

September, 1953

No. pupils in grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Grantham Primary									
Doris Farrington	7	4	4	3					18
Grantham Grammar									
Mabel Pillsbury					10	4	4	2	20
North Grantham									
Ethel Loomis	4	5	1	2	0	6	2	3	23
Totals	11	9	5	5	10	10	6	5	61

GRANTHAM TUITION PUPILS

1953-1954

NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL

Marie Sherman	Gr. 12	Keith Mayo	Gr. 11
Linda Cote	12	Carrol Hamilton	10
Virginia Hamilton	11	Beverly Reney	9
Pauline Osgood	9		

LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL

Ann Moulton	12	David Flewelling	11
Lee Swensen	12	Ruth Pillsbury	11
Joan Carver	12	Louise Osgood	10
Anita Barton	11	Robert Osgood	10
Linda Moulton	9	Priscilla Smith	9

GRADUATES EIGHTH GRADE, 1953

Fern Helen King
Linda Lee Moulton
Arnold Martin Moulton
Pauline Esther Osgood
Beverly Ann Reney
Priscilla Ann Smith
Sara Ann Wood

BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Grantham for the Year ending December 31, 1953

Date of birth	Place of Birth	Name of child	Sex	Living or Stillborn	No. of child	Color	Name of father	Maiden name of mother	Color	Residence of parents	Occupation of father	Birthplace of father	Birthplace of mother
Jan. 24	Newport	Linda Mae	F	Living	2	White	Paul H. Shepard	Constance Evans	White	Grantham	Lumberman	Thompson, Vt.	Hanover
Apr. 9	New London	Betty Jane	F		7		Clifton S. Wallace	Marie L. Partridge		Grantham	Stage Driver	Grantham	Croydon
May 13	Newport	Sharon Louise	F		4		Vernon R. Spooner	Wilma L. Hastings		Grantham	Chopper	Grantham	Grantham
July 29	Lebanon	Mark Edward	M		4		Clyde C. Currier	Helen K. Snow		Grantham	Marker	Grantham	Frankfort, Me.
Oct. 13	Newport	David Allen	M		3		Eugene G. Eaklor	Juanita P. Leopold		Grantham	Machinist	Rock Hill, Mo.	Somerville, Mass
Dec. 12	Newport	Malcolm Dean	M		5		Wilfred M. Hastings	Pauline L. Werling		Grantham	Sawmill	Grantham	Fort Wayne, Ind.

MARRIAGES

Registered in the Town of Grantham for the Year ending December 31, 1953

Date of marriage	Place of marriage	Name and Surname of groom and bride	Residence of each at time of marriage	Age	Color	Occupation of groom and bride	Place of birth of each	Names of parents	Birthplace of parents	Condition	Name of person by whom married
Jan. 24	Lebanon	Delore J. Provencal, Jr.	Canaan	21	White	Laborer	N. H.	Delore J. Provencal	N. H.	S	L. Gordon Adamson
								Sylvia M. Canfield	N. H.		Unitarian Minister
		Iva N. Pillsbury	Grantham	18		Office	N. H.	Ernest H. Pillsbury	N. H.	S	Lebanon
								Florence A. Moulton	Vt		
Jan. 31	Newport	Stanley H. Currier	Grantham	25		Laborer	N. H.	Fred L. Currier	N. H.	S	W. F. Brown
								Josephine Spaulding	N. H.		Clergyman
		Aretta G. Willis	Grantham	20		Shoeshop	N. H.	Thomas R. Willis, Sr.	N. H.	S	Newport
								Madeline Shepherd	N. H.		
Jan. 31	Newport	Thomas R. Willis, Jr.	Grantham	18		Shoeworker	N. H.	Thomas R. Willis, Sr.	N. H.	S	W. F. Brown
								Madeline Shepherd	Vt.		Clergyman
		Lorraine J. Currier	Newport	16		At home	N. H.	Fred L. Currier	N. H.	S	Newport
								Josephine Spaulding	N. H.		
Mar. 2	Grantham	Clifton S. Wallace	Grantham	74		Stage Driver	N. H.	William Wallace	N. H.	D	Joshua Dunbar
								Diana Marsh	Vt.		Justice of the Peace
		Marie L. Partridge	Grantham	33		At home	N. H.	Joe C. Partridge	N. H.	S	Grantham
								Elizabeth Gould	N. H.		
May 2	Newport	Kauko L. Hautaniemi	Grantham	34		Farmer	Ohio	Sam Hautaniemi	Finland	S	R. J. MacLeod
								Katri Koski	Finland		Minister
		Eila D. Carl	New York, N. Y.	28		Cashier	N. Y.	David Carl	N. Y.	S	Newport
								Aino Karanko	Finland		
May 16	Grantham	Rodney N. Willis	Grantham	19		U. S. Army	Mass.	Milton C. Willis	Mass.	S	M. Porter
								Alma M. Pratt	Mass.		Methodist Clergym'n
		Marilyn J. Sanders	Grantham	17		Waitress	N. H.	Harold W. Sanders	N. H.	S	Newport
								Dorothy I. Baldwin	Me.		

MARRIAGES

Registered in the Town of Grantham for the Year ending December 31, 1953

Date of marriage	Place of marriage	Name and Surname of groom and bride	Residence of each at time of marriage	Age	Color	Occupation of groom and bride	Place of birth of each	Names of parents	Birthplace of parents	Condition	Name of person by whom married
May 30	Newport	John A. Thornton	Grantham	18	White	Retail Salesman	N. H.	Herbert H. Thornton Mary M. Sullivan	N. H. Vt	S	M. Porter Methodist Clergym'n
		Blanche E. Oldham	Newport	18		Shoeworker	N. H.	Howard E. Oldham Marion Curtis	N. H. N. H.	S	Newport
July 7	White R'r Jct.	Robert L. Moulton	Grantham	20		Laborer	N. H.	Claude Moulton Jennie Smith	Vt. N. H.	S	Milton M. Lavery Methodist Clergym'n
		Shirley A. Henry	Lebanon	16		Home	N. H.	Fred Henry Gladys Penn	Vt. Vt.	S	White River Jct., Vt
Sept. 6	Quechee, Vt.	Ivan F. Simonds	Springfield, Vt.	23		Machinist	Vt.	Ivan W. Simonds Gladys Hunting	Vt. Vt.	S	Joseph L. Sullivan Universalist
		Beverly A. Sanders	Grantham	16		At home	N. H.	Harold Sanders Dorothy Baldwin	N. H. Me.	S	Quechee, Vt.
Oct. 24	Newport	Roger P. Descoteau	Plainfield	24		Coremaker	N. H.	Edward Descoteau Posanna Bounty	Vt. Canada	S	Robert J. MacLeod Minister
		Janet K. Spooner	Grantham	20		Secretary	N. H.	Leon L. Spooner Ina L. Sanborn	N. H. Vt.	S	Newport
Oct. 28	Newport	William S. Manning	Grantham	65		Laborer	Vt.	William E. Manning Gertrude Boutwell	Vt. Vt.	w	John A. McCarthy
		Jeannette B. Mercier	Grantham	64		Housewife	N. H.	Francis B. Pillsbury Naomi P. Sargent	N. H. N. H.	w	Newport

DEATHS

Registered in the Town of Grantham for the Year ending December 31, 1953

Date of death	Place of death	Name and surname of deceased	Age			Place of birth	Sex and condition			Occupation	Place of birth		Name of father	Maiden name of mother
			Years	Months	Days		Sex	Color	Single, married or widowed		Father	Mother		
Jan. 21	New London	Lucy B. Barton	80	..	..	Bristol	F	White	w	Housewife			William Benton	Juliet Knight
Feb. 28	Unity	Emma Jeletsa Barton	84	.	..	Springfield	F		w	Housewife			Francis B. Pillsbury	Naomi Sargent
May 17	Unity	Carl Leavitt	79	..	..	Grantham	M		M	Laborer			Josiah Leavitt	Abagail ——
Sept. 5	Enfield	Jerome J. Gault	82	..	..	Grantham	M		w	Retired			John S. Gault	Matilda Beers

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOSHUA H. DUNBAR, Town Clerk.